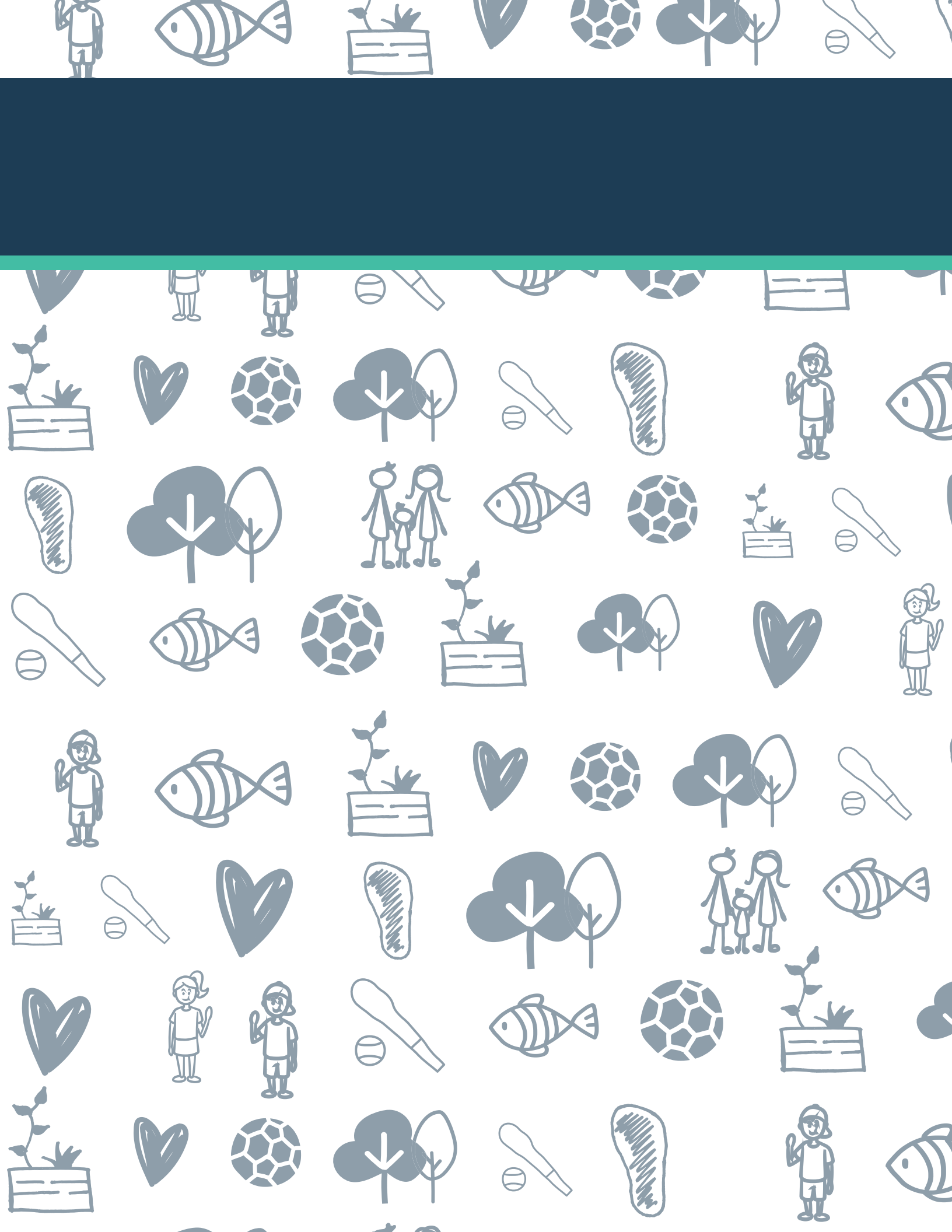


JOHN HENDRY PARK MASTER PLAN

Phase 1 Engagement Report

February 2020





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PROJECT CONTEXT & ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

In late summer 2019, the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (Vancouver Park Board) re-initiated a planning and engagement process to develop a Master Plan for John Hendry Park in Vancouver's Cedar Cottage neighbourhood.

The purpose of the master plan is to identify short, medium and long-term priorities for the park and to ensure that capital and operating investments in the park align with Park Board strategies and policies, including the People, Parks and Dogs strategy.

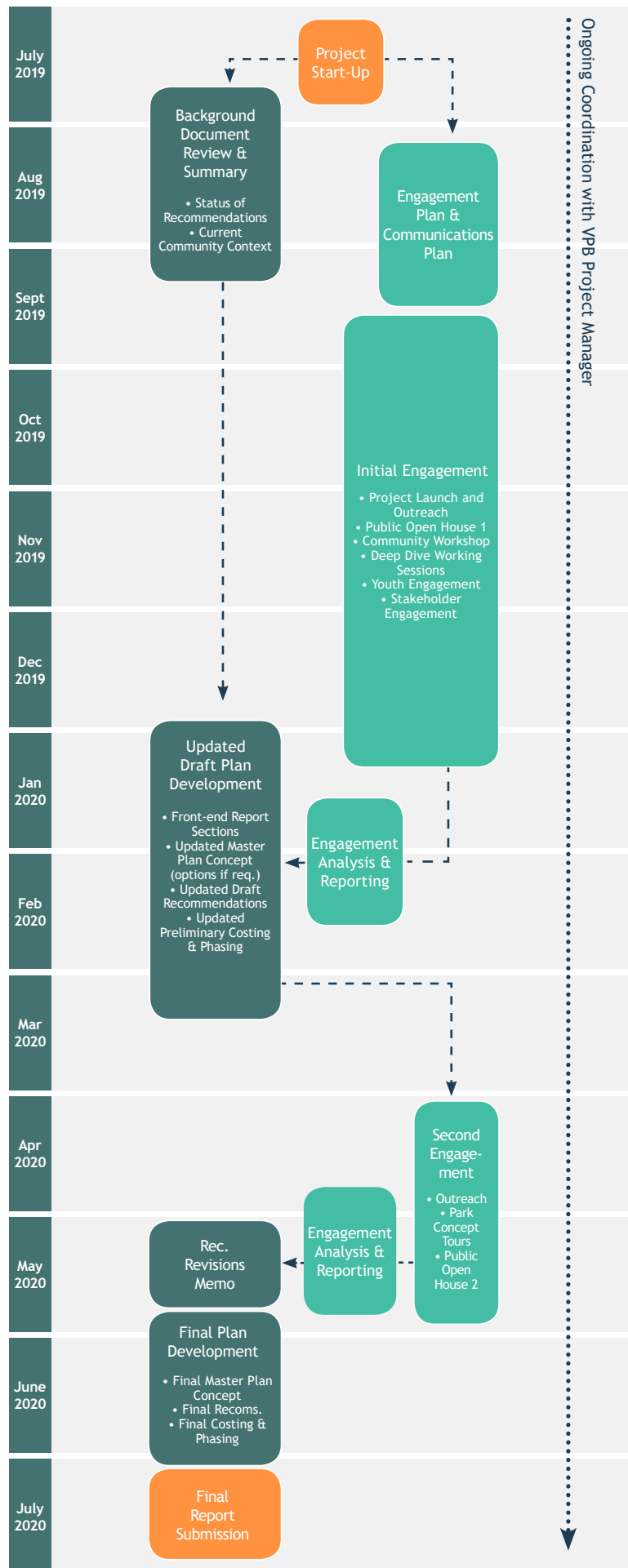
Engagement Process

Recognizing that this park is so well used and much loved, the Vancouver Park Board implemented a robust community and stakeholder engagement program to support development of the master plan. In order to achieve the engagement program, a number of engagement opportunities were planned over a nine-month period.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of findings from the Phase 1 engagement events, which included an open house, online survey, workshop and three deep dive sessions.

Timeline

- Start and Close-Out
- Part A: Engagement
- Part B: Masterplan Development



ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Open House

Oct 5, 2019



250
participants

Online Survey

Oct 4 - Oct 30, 2019



1150+
responses

Workshop

Nov 19, 2019



50 participants



WHAT WE HEARD INTERCEPT SURVEYS

Trout Lake Farmers Market

Prior to the open house, the project team circulated through the Saturday morning farmer's market to promote the open house and invite patrons to answer a few questions about the future of John Hendry Park by completing an intercept survey. A total of 33 intercept surveys were completed.



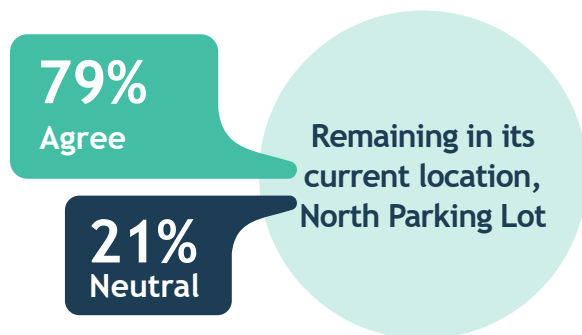
What is the most important to you for evaluating potential locations for the future Farmers Market?

The top ranked answers were:



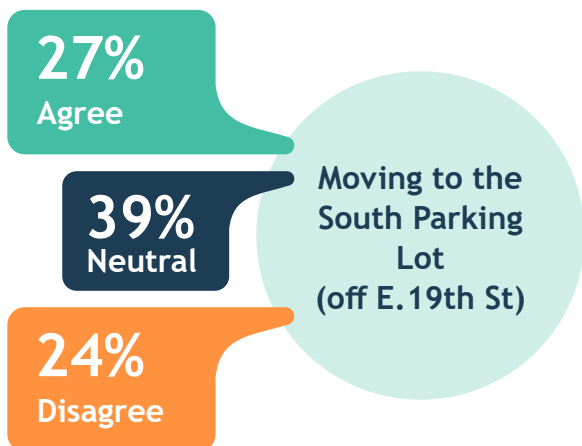


Respondents were asked to identify their general level of support for exploring several locations suggested for the future Farmers Market.



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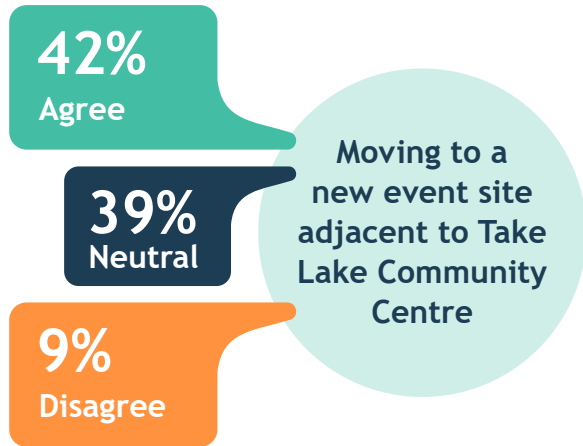
- Would be good to make bigger
- This location is at max. capacity
- Just happy if it keeps going
- I like this spot



Comments on this location:

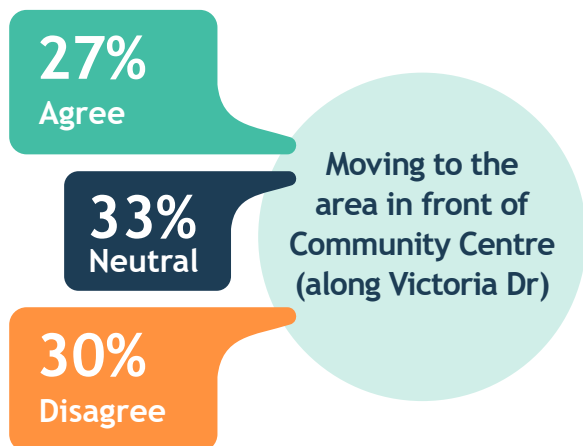
- Too far, Out of the way
- More difficult for transit
- Smaller than the current space
- Good use of under-utilized area
- Accessible





Comments on this location:

- Good location, convenient.
- Moving it by a parking lot would encourage cars to fill up the lot
- Close to the community centre which is good



Comments on this location:

- Too close to the road
- Would interfere with already congested area
- Smaller than the current space
- This is an under-utilized area

Additional locations & comments from respondents:

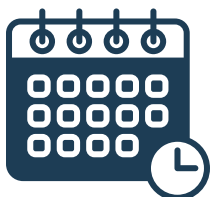
- Need bike parking, parking, and washrooms close by
- Nice where it is, well attended, right off the bike path
- Would really support South parking lot option
- Possibility of a more permanent shelter

WHAT WE HEARD

OPEN HOUSE #1

On October 5, 2019, the Park Board held an Open House to kick off the John Hendry Park master planning process. This event provided an opportunity for the community to provide input on the development of a new master plan for John Hendry Park.

The event was advertised via posters in the park, flyers delivered to neighbouring residents and promotion on social media through twitter and facebook.



Saturday, October 5, 2019

1 - 4PM

Trout Lake Community Centre Lakewood Room



Over **250** people attended the event.



The open house was held from 1-4PM in the Lakewood Room at the Trout Lake Community Centre, and was set up for participants to circulate through various zones, which focused on the following:

Zone 1: Vision and Principles

In 2015, a draft vision and principles was developed for John Hendry Park. Participants were asked to provide feedback on this draft vision statement and principles so they could be updated.

Zone 2: Reviewing and updating recommendations

In 2015, the draft John Hendry Park Master Plan identified a number of potential recommendations. This zone focused on recommendations that the project team feel are still relevant, but want to confirm and identify tweaks to improve them. Participants were able to provide comments on each draft recommendation.



Zone 3: Seeking further input

This zone focused on recommendations that the project team think are still important, but want to review the details. These recommendations focused on improvements to circulation and the south beach area.

- **Circulation:** Improving how users move through the park was a priority in the previous plan. As part of the master plan update, the circulation network will be reviewed to understand what needs to be improved and how these improvements will fit within the overall park plan.
- **South Beach Area:** In 2015, there were a number of suggestions for improving the Trout Lake south beach area including a new concession and washroom building, new playgrounds and beach improvements. Participants were asked to mark the images that inspire them most for the area by placing dots on various images.

Zone 4: Developing New Recommendations

This zone focused on key topics that need deeper exploration in the Master Plan. These include complex topics or places where there has traditionally been divided opinions, as well as some new ideas that have come forward since 2015. We're starting from the top with these recommendations and want to spend time working with park users to come up with new recommendations that fit with current community interests.

The following pages are a summary of feedback from the open house.



VISION & PRINCIPLES

Participants were asked to provide feedback on the draft vision and objectives by writing what they like and what could be improved. This activity focused on receiving input on the existing drafts, rather than developing new. There was general support for the vision and principles.

Vision Statement

John Hendry Park is an oasis encompassing Trout lake and surrounding green space in the centre of East Vancouver. The park supports a healthy diversity of natural and urban wildlife, while also providing a space for recreation and relaxation. It is a place that connects nature and our community bringing together people of a diversity of ages, backgrounds, and interested to pursue fun and celebrate life among friends, family and neighbours. It is the heart of a healthy, green and connected East Vancouver community.

What's a vision?

It describes a long-term picture of where the park will go. It guides decisions and reminds people about the intent for the future.

What's a objective?

They support the vision by providing specific guidance for specific projects, if a project meets its objectives, it will support the intent for the future park.

OBJECTIVES

1. **Protect Natural Spaces** including Trout Lake.
2. **Ensure Ecological Gains** by protecting, adding, and enhancing healthy ecosystems.
3. **Support the City's Commitment to a Green Vancouver** by incorporating current policies and guidelines.
4. **Provide Diverse Recreational Options** including a balance of spaces for active recreation and for quiet relaxation.
5. **Support Safety and Accessibility** and create a park for all residents.
6. **Create Coherent Park Design** that flows and connects park users, facilities, and natural areas.
7. **Manage Costs** by making changes with capital, operational, and maintenance considerations in mind.

Comments on the Vision & Principles

Commitment to reconciliation

Ecological enhancement

Parks are public spaces

A place for people

Keep it Natural

Increased densification means park will become the de facto backyard for many

A balance between uses

Accessibiity

Protect natural spaces

REVIEWING AND UPDATING RECOMMENDATIONS

Participants were invited to share their thoughts and suggestions on the recommendations from the 2015 Draft Master Plan.

Below is a transcribed summary on opinions and concerns for the 13 Recommendations.

Improve the Experience of Park Users

- 1 Develop Additional Picnic Shelters
- 2 Provide Public Washroom Access at North End of the Park
- 3 Increase Park Amenities
- 4 Install Boardwalks and Lake Lookouts in Key Locations
- 5 Improve Wayfinding, Signage & Features
- 6 Improve Services to Accommodate Events

Support & Enhance Natural Habitat

- 7 Improve Existing Natural Habitat Areas
- 8 Create New Natural Areas
- 9 Support Restoration of Trout Lake Bog
- 10 Increase Trees and Include Interpretive Elements

Improve Water Resources

- 11 Direct Internal Park Run-Off to Trout Lake
- 12 Integrate Neighbourhood Stormwater Daylighting and Management
- 13 Trout Lake Water Quality Treatment and Monitoring

- 1 **Develop Additional Picnic Tables:**
Keep the existing shelter and add one or two more.

Opinions:

- General consensus to add 1-2 picnic shelters
- Popular opinion to keep picnic shelter design natural. Preference on wooden tables and benches over metal ones

Concerns:

- Concerns raised on the effect off-leash dog areas will have on people picnicking

What Don't You Like?

What Do You Think Could Be Improved?



What Do You Like?

What Would You
Not Want to See
Changed?

2

Provide Public Washroom Access at the North End of the Park:

Work with stakeholders to develop a facility that has public washrooms, with potential to integrate other functions such as change rooms for field users.

Subject to 'Washroom Strategy for Parks'



Opinions:

- General agreement on making washrooms available for all field users
- Some feel that the washrooms in the South End are enough to serve the current requirement and prefer more open space as opposed to adding more structures
- Would like to see washrooms that can be made available for Farmer's Market

- Improving washrooms at the North East end also seen as a viable option instead of installing additional structures

Concerns:

- Not in favor of making washrooms 24 hours accessible
- Concerns over the effects it will have on nearby homes in terms of noise and overnight squatters

3

Increase Park Amenities:

Add benches, picnic tables, seating features and drinking fountains throughout the park.



Opinions:

- Covered and movable tables
- More public fountains
- Preference for natural seating and benches around base of trees
- Look to improve lighting to enhance safety and increase hours of use

Concerns:

- Concerns over over-development of the park space
- Large garbage bins that don't overflow should be made available

4 Install Boardwalks and Lake Lookouts in Key Locations:

Provide opportunities for people to access lake views while minimizing impacts through replacement or improvement of boardwalks and lookouts.

Opinions:

- Agreement on additional lookouts, provided there is proper signage
- Rebuilding boardwalks on the East Side also seen as an alternative option
- Boardwalks near bog habitat an unpopular choice
- Improving washrooms at the North East end also seen as a viable option instead of installing additional structures

Concerns:

- Lake lookout on the West End will end up creating pedestrian traffic and lead to disturbing the birds that usually nest there
- Access to all areas of the waterfront will reduce biodiversity
- Need to balance between people and enhancement of nature

5 Improve Wayfinding, Signage & Features:

Add updated signage throughout the park including entry signs, maps, wayfinding, distance markers, code-of-conduct signs, and interpretive elements:

Opinions:

- Clearer boundaries outlining dog off-leash area
- Signage in different languages given the cultural demographics of the park
- Signage on historical uses of the park and park usage hours

- Frequent cleaning and pruning required as branches tend to overgrow and block signage

Concerns:

- Bicycle path and pedestrian path collide at both end of the park, need better signage & separation
- Current signage on parking not adequate, need better signage to indicate parking usage/hours



6

Improve Services to Accommodate Events:

Provide power hook-ups and drinkable water connections to support special events.

Opinions:

- No power hookups
- No to generators

Concerns:

- Concerns over the noise and pollution installing generators will cause
- Concerns over impacts of parking/ noise/garbage on residents
- Some in favor of limiting events at the park and don't look favorably on additional services that will improve accommodating events



7

Improve Existing Natural Habitat Areas:

Increase biodiversity and access to natural habitat by improving and expanding natural areas.

Opinions:

- Fencing off some areas to limit disturbance from humans and pets
- Guided bat tours
- Installation of bird and bat boxes around the lake
- Encouraging growth of wild plants

Concerns:

- Field lights disturb wildlife and plant species and should be kept off when not in use
- Mechanism to keep the dogs from chasing off the geese

Create New Natural Areas:

Add natural areas such as pollinator gardens, demonstration gardens that provide education, woodlands, and other natural areas.

Opinions:

- Favorable towards addition of pollinator gardens and sensory gardens
- Explore the expansion of aboriginal land garden and encourage education of indigenous plants and gardening methods

Concerns:

- Need to remove invasive species
- Need to move away from the 'city park' look less short grass, more hardy bushes and pollinator plants

Support Restoration of Trout Lake Bog:

Support efforts to restore and expand the existing bog, a rare habitat in Vancouver.

Opinions:

- Improve water flow to maintain quality of water
 - Maintain inner loop walking path around the lake
- Signage to educate people about existing/importance of bog

Concerns:

- Fence off area to keep dogs at bay
- Allowing access while protecting sensitive areas



10

Increase Trees and Include Interpretive Elements:

Continue to add trees in strategic locations and consider tree identification signs so people know what each tree is.

Opinions:

- Strategically locating trees to provide more shaded areas
- Plant more native fruits and nut producing trees
- Involve First Nations in education about land and plant species
- Signage and guided walking tours



11

Direct Internal Run-Off to Trout Lake:

Increase biodiversity and access to natural habitat by improving and expanding natural areas.

Opinions:

- Footpath bridges over drain ditches
- Expanding the bog on the Southwest side
- Move footpath 20 meters west of West Side to expand shoreline and prevent it from going underwater

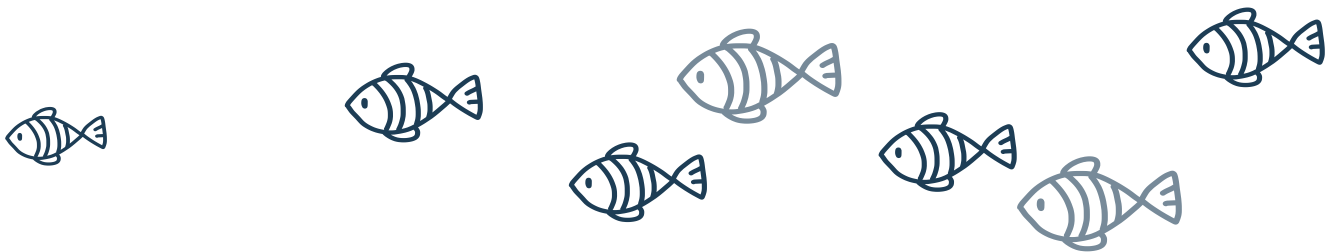
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Integrate Neighbourhood Stormwater Daylighting and Management:

Reconnect John Hendry Park to the water system by diverting and cleaning a portion of neighbourhood stormwater in the park.

Opinions:

- Consensus on reconnecting the park to the water system
- Must be separate from Lake/ recreational water



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Trout Lake Water Quality Treatment and Monitoring:

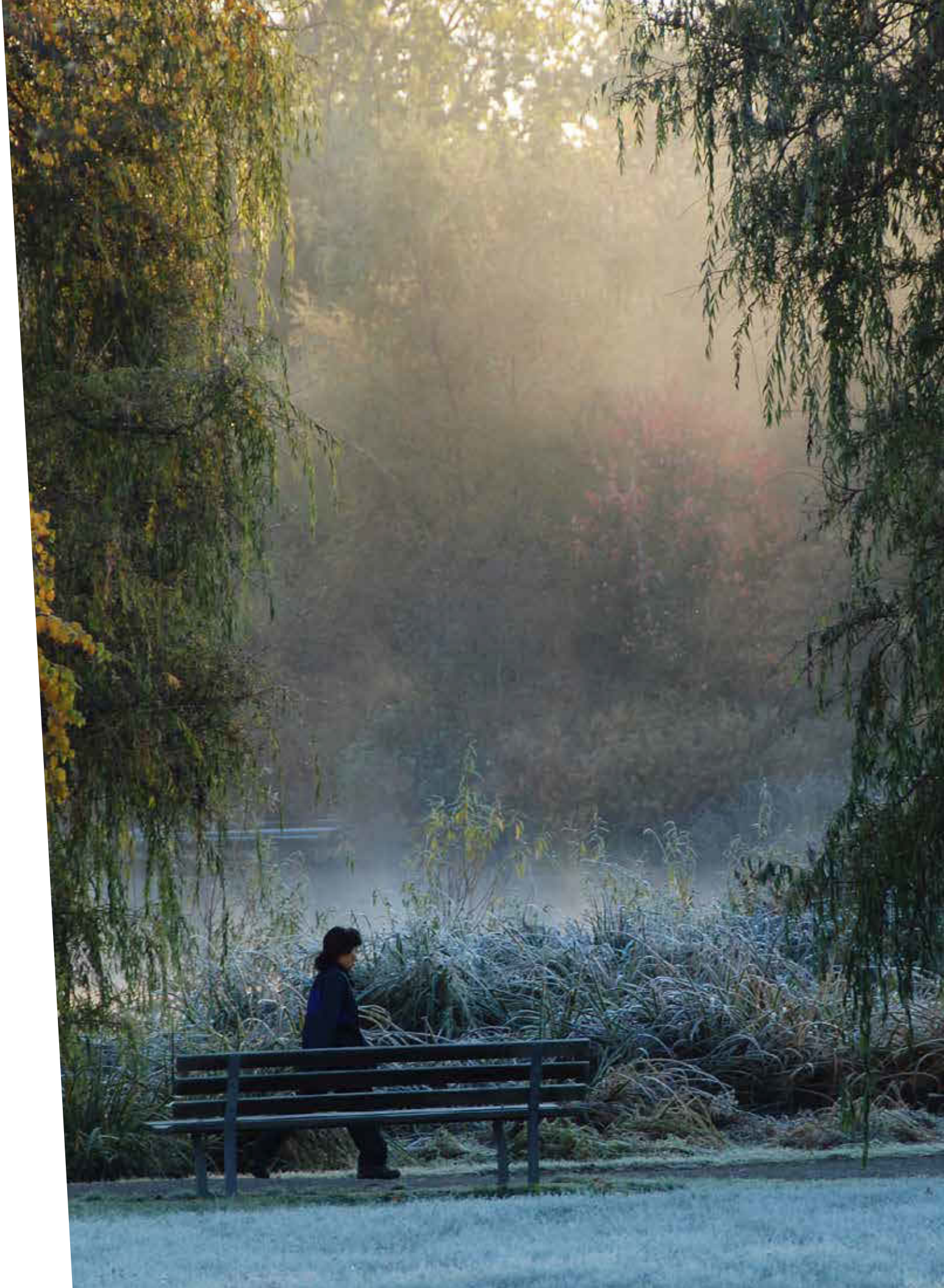
Take steps to improve water quality in Trout Lake to support recreational swimming and reduce closures.

Opinions:

- Agreement on any steps taken towards improving the quality of water in Trout Lake
- Consider measures to reduce dog contact

Concerns:

- Don't chlorinate the lake
- Currently the water is very prone to contamination



SEEKING FURTHER INPUT

This zone focused on recommendations that the project team think are still important, but want to review the details. These recommendations focused on improvements to circulation and the south beach area.

Circulation

Participants were asked to help map potential circulation issues by placing pins to identify their concerns. Below provides a graphic summary of the input.






Active Transportation:

(Cycling, in-line skating, etc.)

-  **Improved Connections**
Locations where new cycling connections are needed
-  **Cycling Amenities**
Areas where more bicycle amenities are needed (e.g. bike racks, covered bike parking, bike service stands)
-  **Conflict Areas (Cyclists)**
Spots where safety concerns exist for cyclists

PEDESTRIAN TRAILS:

(Walking, running etc.)

-  **Improved Connections**
Locations where new pedestrian connections are needed
-  **Pedestrian Amenities**
Areas where more pedestrian amenities are needed (e.g. benches, water fountains, etc.)
-  **Conflict Areas (Pedestrians)**
Spots where safety concerns exist for pedestrians

- **Most conflicts occur where multiple user groups cross or are in close contact, including:**

- » **The Lakewood Dr Entry** where the BC Parkway cycle route, pedestrian access, off-leash area, farmers market, and laneway converge.
- » **Near the south parking lot** where the BC Parkway cycle route and pedestrian trails cross.
- » **Along the BC Parkway cycle route** and adjacent lakeside pedestrian trail where pedestrians use the cycling path because it is paved and has better drainage.
- » **Where pedestrian trails cross the off-leash area** with no alternate route to avoid it.

- **Ideas for improving connections throughout the park** with the objectives of accessibility and safety. A key concern was that conditions on unpaved trails can make them unusable at times (e.g., flooding).

- **Desire for improved linkages to / from the Trout Lake Community Centre.**

- **Desire for a stronger north-south route**

between the northwest corner of the park to E 19th Ave.

- **Suggestions for improved, multilingual signage.**
- **Desire for pedestrian amenities** including reinstatement of boardwalk lookouts, more pedestrian seating, lighting on key routes, and a drinking fountain at the north end of the park.
- **Desire for cycling amenities** including bike lock-up at the playground, ball fields, courts, and north end and consideration for another bike-share station near the BC Parkway cycle route.
- **Concerns about pedestrian and cycling transitions** between the park and E 19th Ave.
- **Concerns about the speed of cycling through the park**, especially with use of electric bikes.
- **Concerns about vehicles shortcutting through lanes** around the park to access parking and parking illegally in alleyways.

SEEKING FURTHER INPUT

South Beach Area

In 2015, there were a number of suggestions for improving the Trout Lake South Beach Area. A range of ideas were identified about elements that could be improved, including:

- A new South Beach Concession and Washroom Building;
- A new Playground with adjacent seating areas for small community gatherings
- Improvements to the Beach

Respondents were asked mark the images that inspired them the most for the South Beach area.





DEVELOPING NEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussions for Deeper Conversations

Four key areas required a more thorough understanding, discussion and investigation with community members:

- Dog Off-Leash Area;
- Trout Lake Farmers Market;
- Community Gardens and;
- Playing Fields.

Below are preliminary key points we heard, from participants at the open house, that helped facilitate three deep dive workshops discussed further in this report about these four topics.

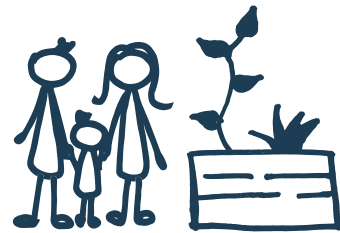
1 Community Gardens

Opinions:

- Addition of a community garden seen as a huge benefit and proposed location seen as favorable
- Communal plots/common areas a popular option
- Access to playground and provision for family gathering

Concerns:

- Copley Orchard and Hull+20th seen as potential alternate locations for the proposed community garden
- Concerns about over-development of green space



2 Farmer's Market

Opinions:

- Needs to be relocated as the current location doesn't provide ample enough space
- Provision of additional green space for vendors
- Make farmer's market more accessible to non-drivers
- Support market with nearby access to washrooms, bike racks and parking

Concerns:

- Will take up parking spaces
- Should be distanced from bike traffic
- Don't locate it in resident's backyard



3 Dog Off-Leash Area

Opinions:

- Need for better signage instead of fencing
- Redirecting pedestrian pathway to reduce conflict
- Providing an alternate walking trail for people who don't want to interact with dogs
- Clearly defined walking and bike paths
- Possibility of a dog only trail along lake
- Alternative space for small dogs to play/roam
- Multi-use trails and playgrounds to have some form of demarcation as little children/old aged people frequent these places and tend to get scared of the big dogs

Concerns:

- Concerns about dog off-leash area being fenced
- Minimizing the existing area not a popular opinion among many
- User conflicts, especially along busy intersections



4 Playing Field

Opinions:

- Fields with marginal uses should be re-purposed or naturalized
- Upgrade the clubhouse
- Lights for night activity
- Changing rooms required in the Northeast field

Concerns:

- Protect parked cars from softballs
- Keep pedestrians off bike ways



WHAT WE HEARD WORKSHOP

Date: November 19, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: Croatian Cultural
Centre

Number of Registrations: 79
Number of Actual Attendees: 51



Objectives

Note: The workshop findings provided input to the subsequent Deep Dive Sessions.

Information Sharing Objectives

1. To provide information on the timelines for the project, goals and objectives, and how public and stakeholder input will be used to develop the Master Plan so that common understanding can be enhanced.
2. To share information about what was heard during the October 5, 2019 Open House and through the Online Survey so that participants understand the diversity of input received and the multiple perspectives on key topics.
3. To provide information on the problem / opportunity statements associated with each of the following topics so that participants understand the constraints, non-negotiable and best practices associated with them, that impact important choices related to:
 - a. Dog off-leash area
 - b. Location of the farmers market
 - c. Development of a community garden
 - d. Organization of playing fields and play amenities



Listen and Learn Objectives

4. To listen and learn from workshop participants on the following key topics so that the preferences of all interested participants can be documented and help to inform a recommendation:
 - a. Dog off-leash area, specifically: size, boundaries / barriers, signage and wayfinding, waste management, pathways and access, and water access.
 - b. Farmer's market, specifically: location, size, accessibility (bike racks, parking, pathways), signage, and amenities (power, washrooms and others).
 - c. A potential community garden, specifically: support / non-support for addition into the park, size, location, design and best practices to be considered.
 - d. Playing fields, specifically: field locations, facilities and amenities, playing surface, sport specific areas and sport field use.

TECHNIQUES

The workshop began with a brief presentation explaining what themes had emerged through previous engagement. Participants then broke out into small groups to take part in two rounds of a world café.

The world café consisted of four stations with four different topics. Participants were asked to choose a topic they wanted to discuss for each round, though they were also welcome to roam between topics within each round. Each station had: one facilitator, one notetaker, and one graphic recorder who, in real-time, created a visual representation of the discussion. The facilitator at each station asked a series of directed questions to enable a fulsome discussion about their respective topic.

After the two rounds of the world café, participants were invited to take a look at the other topics' graphic recordings and add their own thoughts by posting sticky notes on the graphics.

The four station topics were:

- Dog Off-Leash Area
- Farmers Market and Community Garden
- Fields, Courts, and Playgrounds
- My Park

(capturing other topics participants felt were important to discuss)






DOG OFF-LEASH AREA





Question	Comments & Observations
What does a good dog off-leash area look like to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size - ample space for walking and activity; sufficient to accommodate current users and future increasing population • Variety of spaces - access to clean water, grass, trees, sitting areas, play areas, agility features • Minimization of conflict - between dogs and people, dogs and cyclists, dogs and wildlife, cyclists and pedestrians • Safety • Preservation of nature and protection of wildlife • Clear signage - regarding off-leash area boundaries, no smoking, etiquette • A welcoming space - where all feel comfortable and safe • Pathway options - to allow people who are uncomfortable around dogs to avoid the off-leash area, while still being able to walk a loop around the lake • Fencing - mixed opinions on fencing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some felt fencing is necessary for safety and demarcating the space, ○ Some felt the space should be kept open and un-fenced • Amenities - dog wash area would be very helpful to clean dogs after they swim in the lake

Question	Comments & Observations
<p>There are a wide range of ways to delineate an off-leash area including fencing, bollards, and vegetation. What would be an ideal mix of boundaries and barriers for the off-leash area at John Hendry Park?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mixed opinions on barriers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some desire for a fully delineated, fenced area ○ Some desire for more natural, permeable boundaries that are visually appealing ○ Some desire for no boundaries • Natural area protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General agreement that fencing would help protect natural areas ○ Discussion about type of fencing, including more natural-styles (e.g., willow fence) ○ Some concerns that fencing could increase conflict • Suggestions for alternate forms of boundaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural boundaries like rocks or wood ○ Art, such as sculptures ○ Low-rise hedges ○ Beach logs • Education - Participants discussed that education and a culture shift is important to improving the area: teaching people which areas are on-leash and which are off-leash; where picnicking is or is not advisable; etc. • Signage - suggestions to increase information to support awareness; some concerns about unattractive or overused signage (signs should be attractive and blend into the environment)
<p>What changes could we consider to provide alternate routes and/or consider minor adjustments to the layout of the OLA that you think could help address adjacency issues or improve the overall function of the park?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase signage • Have alternate pathways so visitors can avoid conflict / other dogs if necessary • Introduce organic gates and natural barriers • Introduce calming features to the bike path to encourage slower speeds 

FARMERS MARKET & COMMUNITY GARDEN



Question	Comments & Observations
The current location of the farmers market has limitations. Considering these challenges, how important is it to you that the farmers market stays in its current location? Why?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some participants preferred the farmers market where it is, feeling that it is an improvement over the previous location (Community Centre parking lot) ○ Some preference for previous location - closer to Community Centre, washrooms, bus routes • Size - the current location does get crowded, but some felt the activity / busyness makes it more inviting • Neighbours - impact to neighbours and agencies (e.g., laneway use, parking) should be taken into account in any location; some feeling that there would be neighbourhood impacts no matter where the market is (entire area is busy)
If the market were to be moved, what conditions would have to be met for you to support moving the market to a different spot? What location would be best suited as an alternate location?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking - key consideration; suggestions to encourage cycling and transit, consider a shuttle to reduce impacts from parking on the neighbourhood • South End location - some support for the farmers market moving to the south end because: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Location provides opportunity for future growth ○ Market limits use of the north parking lot for little league and rugby ○ If the south end washrooms are to be renovated, this would be a beneficial adjacency for the market

Question	Comments & Observations
<p>What is important to you when considering a future community garden in the park?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water - access to sufficient water and a configuration that won't put a strain on water use • Shade - existing trees to be considered in siting and design • Mix of activities - communal garden areas, areas for children, shared beds, Indigenous area, educational opportunities • Atmosphere - welcoming, family-oriented space • Values - garden represents the values of interacting with food, education, sharing, etc. • Other uses - connect the farmers market and the community garden • Location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South-east corner appears to have general support; many felt this area is currently underutilized ○ Other location suggestions included the recently acquired lots in the northwest or near the rugby field in the northeast corner
<p>The survey showed support for a community garden in the south-east corner of the park. Do you have any feedback on this proposed location, or any other considerations related to adding a community garden to the park?</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaces for all - spaces for community to come together and/or to observe the garden such as picnic tables, long tables, benches, shaded spots, accessible walkway throughout the garden • Signage - Identification of plants and information to support education • Circulation - adjacencies to pathways and cyclists • Welcoming - not just box plots, no fenced boundary • Shade - some concerns about access to sunlight in the proposed space (large existing trees) • Water - potential water connection, but also potential opportunities for rain barrels and a possible underground creek • Design - Cedar Creek Community Garden would like to be involved in the design process

FIELDS, COURTS & PLAYGROUNDS

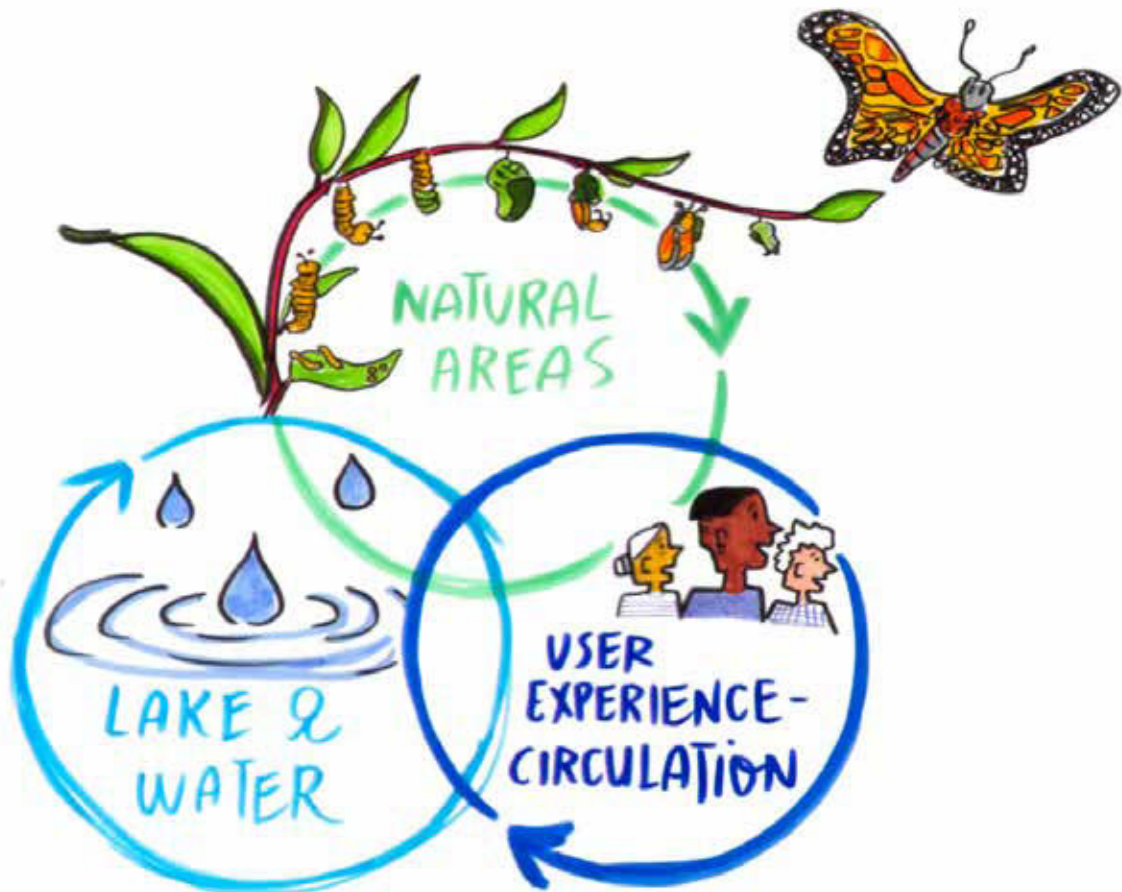


Question	Comments & Observations
What do you value most about sports and play features in John Hendry Park?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variety - many different sports played in the park Open spaces - the ability to play informal sports with friends such as frisbee, badminton, etc.
What are the main issues or challenges you currently experience when using existing fields, courts, or play areas in John Hendry Park?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality - many concerns about field quality / soggy, which impacts stability / level playing surface Conflicts - lack of fencing can create confusion and conflict between park users (notably with off-leash dogs) Size - lack of fields suitable for adult softball or slow pitch All weather field - mixed feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some felt the current material is not suitable (dust, safety) Concern about existing field lighting disturbing neighbours and impacting wildlife Concern about the environmental impacts and safety of artificial turf



Question	Comments & Observations
<p>What would you most like to see when it comes to improving fields, courts and play areas within the park?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-weather field: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Field use would increase if it were in better condition ○ Artificial turf may increase usage fee (however some opposition due to safety and environmental concerns) ○ Hybrid fields may be an option to consider • New activities - opportunity to introduce added programming such as ping pong • Dark skies - ability to see stars at night - baffles around lights could help • Delineation of space - fencing could help to decrease conflict for little league, rugby field, interactions with dogs • Materials - discussions about natural vs composite materials being used for playgrounds; the environmental impacts of using composite materials (micro-plastics) vs their longevity in comparison to natural wood materials that may get slippery over time • Maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Better waste facilities ○ Maintenance / leveling of boggy fields ○ Water fountain button difficult to push for children • Accessibility - for play areas and observing
<p>Where do you think fields, courts, or play amenities would best fit in the park? Are there opportunities to relocate some elements to improve park layout?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth activities - consider ways of including more for youth in the park, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A stage ○ Open spaces to hang out ○ Bouldering walls ○ Suggest dedicated youth consultation to learn more • South end of the park: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General consensus that it would be beneficial to move and improve the concession stand ○ Provide seating with a better view of the lake ○ Improve habitat for the waterfowl nearby

MY PARK



Theme	Comments & Observations
Nature & Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection - suggestion for a publicly inaccessible (i.e., protected) natural space • Homeless use of natural areas - provide options for homeless in the park so their needs are met, while wildlife and their habitat are not disturbed
Lake & Water Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality concerns - beach, lake water, and floating platform (due to bird defecation) • Feasibility of cleaning Trout Lake - concern about the cost-effectiveness of purifying water to be put into the lake; suggestions to consider natural sources / aquifers • Size - general feeling that the size of the beach is sufficient
Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education - some participants expressed their desire for the park to connect and teach people about nature, Indigenous significance, history, etc. • Signage - multilingual signage suggested to indicate where the farmers market is and to welcome all visitors • Lighting - mixed opinions on adding lighting for park use and safety at night, but balancing with dark skies
Circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict zones - between pedestrians, cyclists, and cars; Lakewood Dr area specifically identified as a problem area • Ideas to solve conflicts - add dismounting portions to the bike route; reroute the bike route; more space between the walking and biking lanes • Accessibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Connections and routes for seniors ○ Safe crosswalks on surrounding streets ○ Mixed opinions on paved or unpaved pathways - pavement supports accessibility for all ages and abilities and all-weather use; gravel supports comfort for some uses (e.g., jogging) and environmental support



Overall Summary

While a variety of park users attended the workshop, several common themes came through.

Conflicts between park users was an issue raised in every group. While most acknowledged that conflicts exist (between cyclists and pedestrians, field users and off-leash users, off-leash users and picnickers, park users and wildlife, off-leash users and pedestrians, and off-leash users and cyclists), opinions were mixed regarding solutions to managing conflicts. While some felt that barriers and fencing would be required to solve issues, others felt that education, signage, or enforcement may be sufficient to help manage conflict.

Access to amenities was also a recurring theme, though specific priority amenities differed from group to group. All groups felt that improved washrooms access is important. Feedback on the community garden amenities focused on access to water. Feedback on the farmers market amenities prioritized access to power, seating, and transportation (i.e., better cycling parking and transit access). Fields and courts users' priority amenities included better water fountains and increased waste collection sites.

Park maintenance was also raised by many participants. Key priorities for maintenance included: maintaining natural spaces and providing a safe environment for wildlife; improving field conditions and drainage; and improving the quality of the beaches and lake.

WHAT WE HEARD

DEEP DIVE SESSIONS

In late November, a series of three Deep Dive sessions were held at the Trout Lake Community Centre. These sessions were an opportunity for stakeholders and interested members of the public to dive into the details and discuss trade-offs of some of the complex park elements including the off-leash dog area, fields, farmer's market and community garden. The purpose of these sessions was to work with participants to evaluate options, understand perspectives, listen to concerns and answer questions.

Deep Dive Session #1: Digging in the Dirt (Dogs)

Deep Dive Session #2: Playing on Dirt (Fields and Playgrounds)

Deep Dive Session #3: Don't Eat Dirt (Farmer's Market & Community Garden)

Objectives

1. To provide information on the timelines, goals, and objectives of the Master Plan, and how community members' input will be integrated into the Master Plan.
2. To provide an update on what we have heard so far through the Survey, October Open House, and November Workshop.
3. To work together to review and discuss the strengths and challenges of preliminary design options for the four topic areas.
4. To collaborate on where and how new amenities could help enhance visitor experience at John Hendry Park.



Option 3



JOHN HENDRY PARK
WASTED PLAN
DESIGN GROUND RULES

OBJECTIVES

- 1. **PROTECT NATURAL VALUES**
- 2. **IMPROVE ECOLOGICAL CAPACITY**
- 3. **SUPPORT THE CITY'S COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- 4. **IMPROVE PARK SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY**
- 5. **CREATE COMMUNITY BUILT SPACES**
- 6. **MANAGE COSTS**

DEEP DIVE: OFF-LEASH AREA

Date: November 26, 2020
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: John Hendry Park
Community Centre

Number of Registrations: 53
Number of Actual Attendees: 30



Techniques

This deep dive session began with a brief presentation explaining what themes had come through in the engagement so far, with a particular focus on the dog off-leash area. Participants then broke out into four small groups, in which they examined and provided feedback on three different preliminary options for the off-leash area. Each station had one facilitator, one notetaker, and one subject matter expert.

Three preliminary options were shared to illustrate different approaches to addressing key challenges identified through previous input and applying the policy context outlined in the People, Parks, and Dogs Strategy within the particular setting of John Hendry Park.



The following base directions guided the directions explored in the preliminary options:

- **Size Remains as Existing** - all options illustrated ways that the overall size of the off-leash area remains close to existing size.
- **North Beach Access** - all options assumed that access to the north beach for dog swimming will remain.
- **Safe Routes for All** - the options investigated ways the trails network could be modified to provide route options that allow people to choose whether or not they travel through the off-leash area and limit, as much as possible, potential for unwanted dog-human interactions.
- **Address Cycling Route Incompatibility** - the options looked at ways to adjust the BC Parkway cycling route or off-leash area boundaries to reduce conflict and safety concerns, recognizing a need to work with engineering and the cycling community to identify an approach that is acceptable to a range of user groups.
- **Boundary Clarification** - the options investigated ways to apply the People, Parks, and Dogs Strategy policies on boundaries and compatible uses to the site, exploring different combinations of permeable and secure boundaries.
- **Environmental Protection** - the options considered where protection of ecological assets are a priority and the balance between dark skies and lighting desires.
- **Amenities** - a range of potential amenities were identified from previous engagement and participants were asked to identify desirable amenities and where they may be best located to enhance the off-leash area experience.

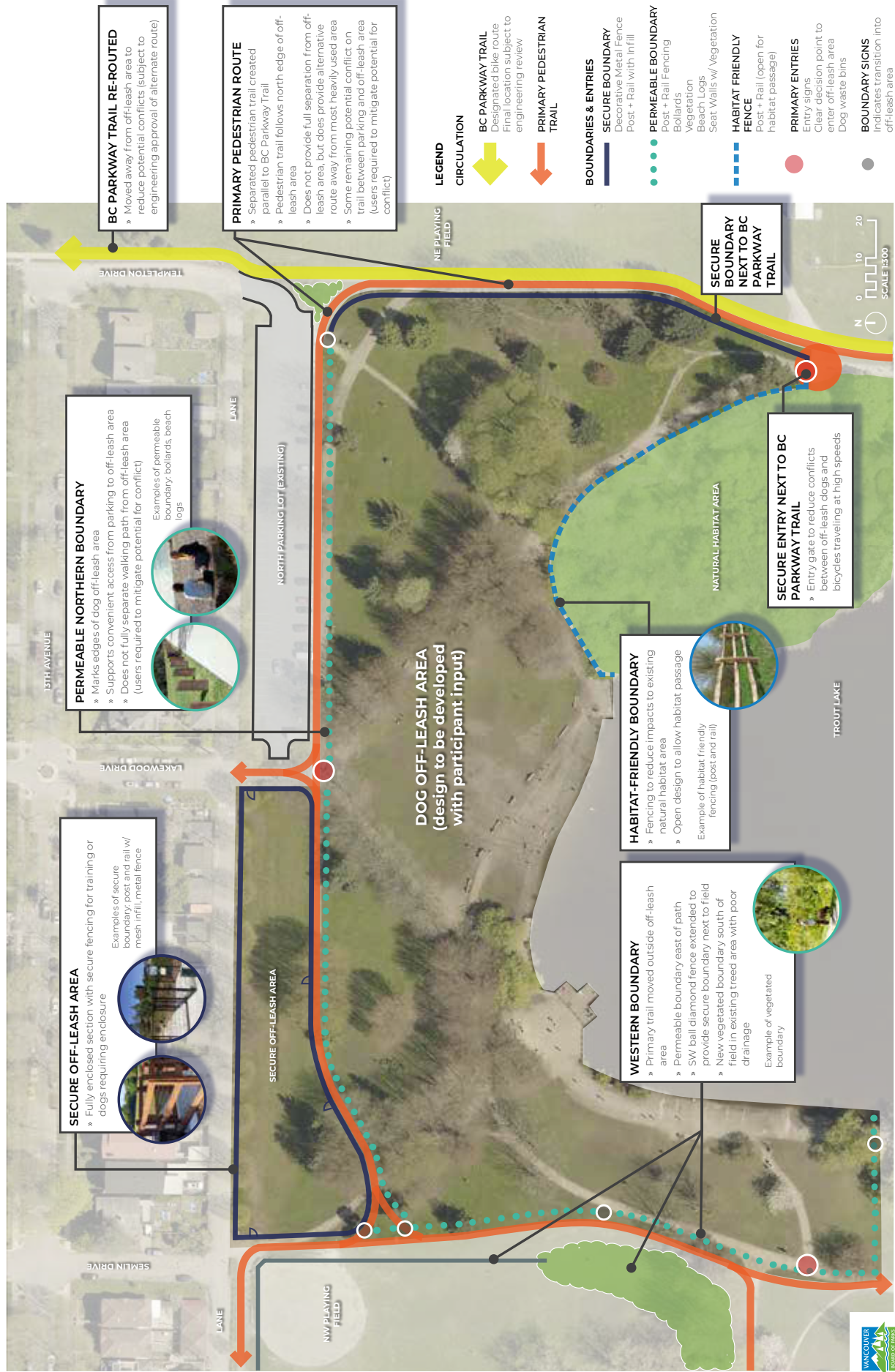
Discussion Questions

For each preliminary option, the following questions were asked:

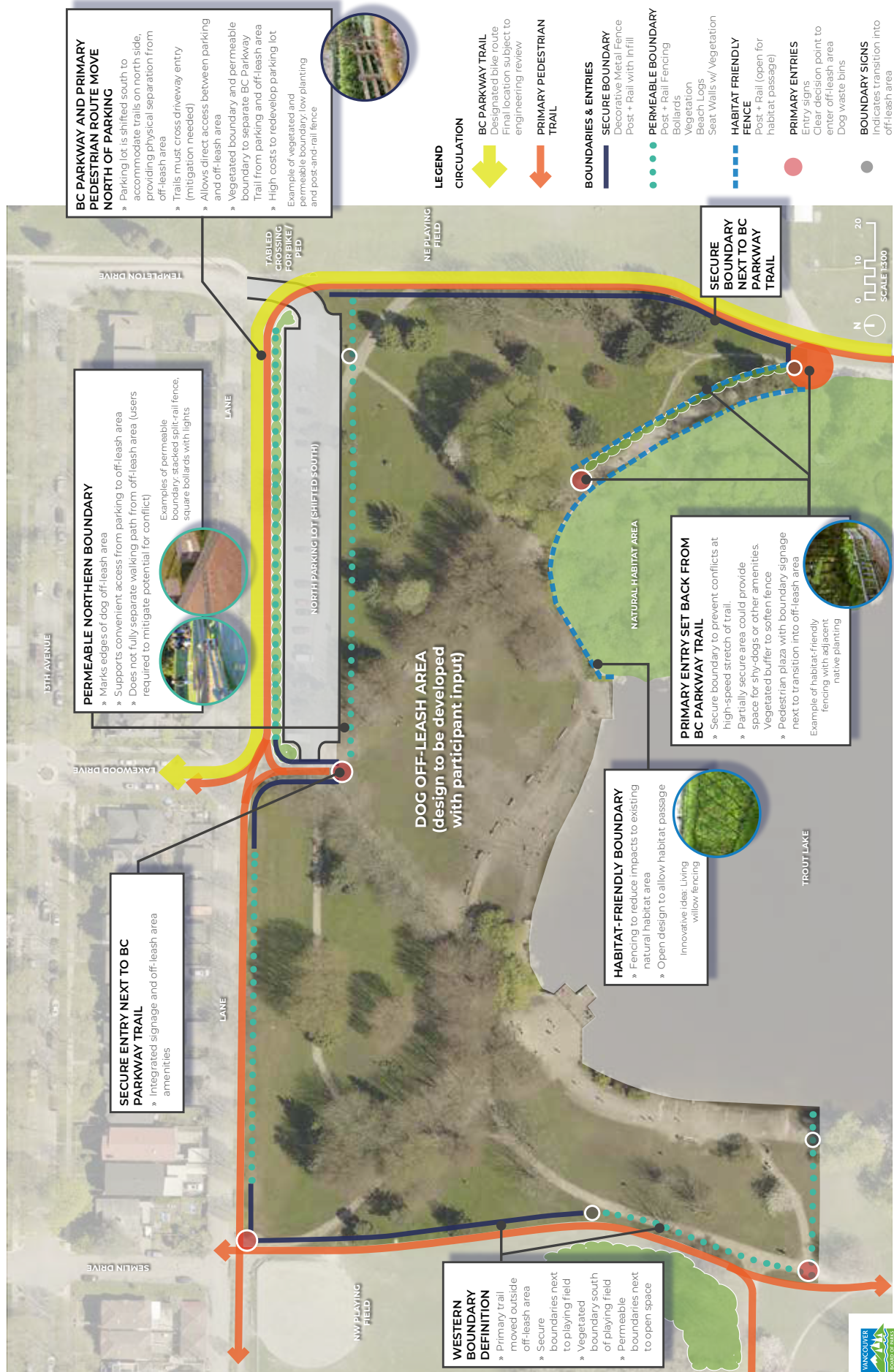
1. What features of this option do you like most and why?
2. What features of this option do you like least and why?
3. Which of the identified amenities is most important to you, and what general area would be ideal for you?
4. Using the flashcards with stars, please rate this option between 1 and 5 stars.

Options Presented

Three different options were presented for discussion. To view larger-scale versions of the options, visit vancouver.ca/johnhendry under the Deep Dive Sessions tab.



Question	Comments & Observations
Features that participants <u>liked most</u> about Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rerouted BC Parkway - people felt moving the BC Parkway path to exit the park at Templeton (rather than at Lakewood), would reduce conflicts that currently happen where the trail passes between the parking lot and off-leash area Size - support for size and general area remaining the same Mix of boundaries - support for mixing of different types of boundaries, especially inclusion of more natural barriers Existing parking lot remains in current location - participants liked there is no cost to change parking and it remains available for current uses like the farmers market Protection of habitat area - feeling that natural fencing in the southeast will protect wildlife and provide a more attractive edge Fencing of the northwest ball diamond - fencing the sport use, allowing for a permeable boundary on the western edge of the off-leash area Pedestrian pathway on the north edge of the off-leash area - an alternate route that allows pedestrians to avoid the main off-leash activity area, recognizing that full separation is not provided
Features that participants <u>liked least</u> about Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure fencing - comments that chain-link or metal fencing is not in keeping with park character Permeable fencing - some concerns that permeable fencing may not keep off-leash dogs from running into on-leash areas Gates - general dislike for gated entries; preference for alternatives that provide separation or indication while not requiring a full gate Secure off-leash area location - feeling that the location in the northwest part of the park may reduce access / connectivity with the neighbourhood Too few entry points - into the off-leash area No washrooms - in close proximity Some adjacency concerns for the updated walking path - walkers avoiding the main activity area still need to pass between the parking lot and off-leash area which could be a conflict point
Features about which people had <u>mixed opinions</u> in Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Separate, secure off-leash area - some feel this would be a good amenity for small dogs or dogs with anxiety; others felt it would get little use and may become ill-maintained; mixed opinions about size Permeable boundaries - general preference for more permeable over secure boundaries, but some concerns that permeable boundaries may not be enough to change some peoples' perceptions that the entire park is off-leash



Question	Comments & Observations
Features that participants <u>liked most</u> about Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reroute BC Parkway - participants felt moving the BC Parkway path to the north side of the parking lot would help reduce conflicts between the parking area and off-leash area, while maintaining a similar cycling route to existing • Protection of habitat area - feeling that natural fencing in the southeast will protect wildlife and provide a more attractive edge • Re-orientation of the northwest ball diamond - allowing for a permeable boundary on the western edge of the off-leash area • Semi-secure area - at the southeast part of the off-leash area that could be useful for training or dogs needing a bit more separation, but not fully fenced
Features that participants <u>liked least</u> about Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of shifting the parking lot - a shift to the south would require some spending on parking lot improvements rather than spending on other park improvements • Pedestrian path / cycling path / parking lot conflict zone - where the cycling and walking paths cross over the entry drive to be on the north side of the lot, conflicts with cars and walkers / cyclists may occur • Eastern secure boundary - concerns that there are not enough places that allow access into the off-leash area from the east
Features about which people had <u>mixed opinions</u> in Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of fencing - many felt this option had less fencing than other options; some concerns that the limited fencing will allow off-leash dogs to continue using areas outside the off-leash area • No fully-secure off-leash area - some would prefer to have full enclosure; others would prefer not to have this • Breezeway concept at southeast entry - positive response because it eliminates the need for a gate and appears more natural; some concerns about it becoming a conflict zone between dogs if there's no escape route • Pedestrian pathway on the north side of the parking lot - some participants like that it provides a better barrier for people wishing to avoid any contact with off-leash dogs; others had concerns that pedestrians using this route may feel excluded from the park, squeezed between the alley and the parking lot



Question	Comments & Observations
Features that participants liked <u>most</u> about Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion to the west - people felt that widening the off-leash area would bring value by providing more wide open space for dogs to run • New dock overlook - many participants liked the idea of an overlook that invites all visitors to view the lake at the southwest side of the off-leash. This allows for a small area of access to the north beach that is outside the off-leash area; strong support from wildlife advocates as a way to provide some more protected beach area for birds in this area • Shrub boundaries - support for more green, natural boundaries over fencing • A few participants did not like anything about this option
Features that participants liked <u>least</u> about Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shifting the southwest boundary north - in order to allow a new dock to be added outside the off-leash area, the southwest boundary would be shifted north, offset by widening the off-leash area along the western boundary to maintain a similar size. Some concerns about loss of access to an area enjoyed by off-leash area users (e.g., shady tree area) • BC Parkway Trail remaining in the park - preference to have it outside the park area • Perception of reduced size - some feeling that the shift in boundaries (trade-off between western expansion and southern reduction) made the space feel smaller
Features about which people had <u>mixed opinions</u> in Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of fencing - some participants felt this option better delineated the off-leash area; some felt this option had too much fencing on the north and east sides, making entry / exit from the off-leash area more difficult • Relocation of the parking area to the west - some participants liked the parking lot relocation because it better separates uses and reduces potential for conflict between the BC Parkway, walking path, and vehicles; some with concerns about the cost of moving the parking lot requiring spending on parking lot improvements that could be allocated to other improvements

Quantitative Results

After reviewing the direction shown, participants were asked to rate how much they liked each option on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being not at all, and 5 being liked it very much. Results were then averaged across all participants. While one option did receive a better average rating than the other two, each option received comments that were both positive and negative. The discussion results will be used to help identify preferred features that could be combined from the different options into a recommended direction.

Option	Average Score out of 5
1	3.36
2	2.19
3	2.34

Other Ideas & Suggestions

In addition to comments on the options, participants identified other topics, including:

- Boundary materials - general indication that more natural or character-enhancing boundaries would be preferred to metal fencing
- BC Parkway - concerns about overall connections for the BC Parkway and safety concerns related to connecting onto Templeton Drive; some suggestions to remove the bikeway from John Hendry Park completely in order to eliminate the need for a barrier between the bike path and the off-leash area
- Maintenance considerations - concerns there will be a need for ongoing maintenance of new infrastructure (e.g., dock areas, fence areas); new barriers will need to be maintained and the level of maintenance may differ based on barrier type - e.g., live fencing may be more maintenance-intensive
- Bird Access to the beach - suggestion to maintain some protected beach areas for birds as beaches provide important access, habitat, and feeding areas
- Farmers market - concerns that changes may impact the farmers market
- Construction impacts - concerns that the area will be closed during construction periods and potential impacts to existing trees
- Parking analysis - if the parking lot were shifted, suggestions to look closely at traffic impacts in the neighbourhood. Traffic calming on Lakewood Dr may warrant consideration



Amenity	Suggested Locations and/or Comments
Dog Wash Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support to allow people to rinse dogs after being in the lake / sand • Near parking lot
Water Fountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For both pets and people • Near parking lot • Near large bench (by dock)
Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At all key entry points • Clear and consistent messaging throughout the area
Educational Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All primary entry points • Near lake and habitat areas (re: wildlife protection)
Additional Benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Along walking trails • Overlooking beach • More seating like the large bench (by the dock)
Shade Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focused around places to sit
Garbage Receptacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At all main entry / exit points • Add dog waste stations
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some lighting between the parking area and beach for evening access • Need to be thoughtful about impacts to bird habitat and dark skies
Agility features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on open (less busy) areas north and east/west of the beach



Overall Summary

Aspects of the options that participants were most supportive of were: taking action to decrease conflict between cyclists, pedestrians, and dogs, although feedback on methods of doing this was mixed; maintaining a large size for the off-leash area; maintaining north beach access for the off-leash area; creating a boundary between the off-leash area and natural habitat areas and protecting wildlife; and maintaining a natural look and feel of the area.

The key point of divergent options was boundaries. There was a spectrum of opinions regarding boundaries, with some participants stating they do not want to see any boundaries, to others saying they would be supportive of some boundaries, especially if they are permeable and natural, to others expressing that they feel there should be a more defined, impermeable boundary around the entire area to ensure dogs are not off leash in other areas of the park.

There were also varied opinions about whether a portion of the off-leash area should be dedicated as a fully secure off-leash area. While some participants stated they would appreciate such a space for smaller or more anxious dogs, others stated it would be under-used and would cut into the space of the overall off-leash area.

Lastly, two of the options presented a potential shift to the existing north parking lot, which also received mixed reviews. Some stated that it would benefit the area overall by decreasing conflicts between motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and off-leash area users; others expressed concern about costs, which could reduce money available to be spent on other park improvements, and construction, which could impact the off-leash area and park overall for a period of time.

DEEP DIVE: FIELDS, COURTS & PLAYGROUNDS

Date: November 28, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: John Hendry Park
Community Centre

Number of Registrations: 18
Number of Actual Attendees: 9



Techniques

This deep dive session was held in tandem with sessions regarding the farmers market and community garden. It began with a brief presentation explaining what themes had come through in the engagement so far, with a particular focus on the three topics. Participants then broke out into a small group, in which they examined and provided feedback on three different options for fields, courts, and playgrounds. The station had one facilitator, one notetaker, and one subject matter expert.

Three preliminary options were shared to illustrate combinations of elements that could be considered for the future park. The intent of the options was to show a range of elements and identify which resonated most with participants. This information will be used to help focus towards a recommended option that incorporates participant input along with all input to date, overall park context, policy requirements, and technical considerations.

Discussion Questions:

1. What feature of this option do you like most and why?
2. What feature of this option do you like least and why?
3. Which of the identified amenities is most important to you, and what general area would be ideal for you?

Options Presented

Three different options were presented for discussion. To view larger-scale versions of the options, visit vancouver.ca/johnhendry under the Deep Dive Sessions tab.



Question	Comments & Observations
Features that participants liked <u>most</u> about Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded beach and new beach house - very strong support • Beach volleyball courts - general feeling that the lake area would be good location for beach volleyball • Field house at the north end of the park - strong support for public washroom access and suggestions to incorporate showers • Stormwater biodiversity zone - general feeling that a natural stormwater area would be a nice transition to the future community garden and would enhance sustainability and biodiversity
Features that participants liked <u>least</u> about Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast field - concerns from rugby users about a change in orientation and general concerns about field changes impacting birds and wildlife • North parking lot - concerns about the proximity of the parking lot to the off-leash area (dogs off-leash in the parking lot are a safety concern for other parking lot users). Suggestion to create a transition area that requires dog owners to put their dogs on a leash when in the parking lot
Features about which people had <u>mixed opinions</u> in Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthetic turf field - many participants spoke in favour of synthetic turf, noting the existing gravel field has limitations (e.g., dust, dirty when wet, etc.) However, concerns also raised about potential rental cost increases and impacts of synthetic turf on the environment / wildlife habitat • Beach play zone amenities - Overall participants supported the beach as an appropriate location for an upgraded play area. There were mixed opinions on types of play, particularly related to addition of a splash play area



Question	Comments & Observations
Features that participants liked <u>most</u> about Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast field - existing orientation preferred for rugby, support for field improvements • Southeast ball diamond - support for enhancing and expanding the existing field to improve quality and support more levels of play • Beach nature play zone - strong support for a more natural play environment • Biodiversity - feeling this option reduces potential impacts to birds and would be more supportive of biodiversity • Tennis courts - support for updated court orientation
Features that participants liked <u>least</u> about Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest ball diamond - concerns about change in orientation and overlap with the existing mini soccer fields • Fields mix - concerns that expanded softball fields replace more general (i.e., flexible) field space • Ball diamond and walking path proximity - safety concerns related to fly balls from adjacent fields
Features about which people had <u>mixed opinions</u> in Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gravel all-weather field remaining - some participants felt they would not want the gravel field to remain as existing; others felt it is better than nothing or than conversion to synthetic turf



Question	Comments & Observations
Features that participants liked <u>most</u> about Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest mini-fields remain - more flexible activity space • Upgraded court space - support for more pickleball courts and expansion of court playing space • Southeast ball diamond - support for enhancing and expanding the existing field to improve quality and support more levels of play • Beach adventure play zone - support for incorporation of more adventure play elements that could appeal to kids of all ages and levels of play
Features that participants liked <u>least</u> about Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of youth zone - several comments preferring the idea of having an area with amenities that appeal to youth as shown in the other options • Beach adventure play zone - some felt the size shown is too small
Features about which people had <u>mixed opinions</u> in Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the gravel all-weather field to create an open event space next to the community centre - some support as people felt more flexible community space is needed; others said they do not want open space to be created at the loss of field space

Other Ideas & Suggestions

In addition to comments on the options, participants identified other topics to be considered, including:

- **Active transportation amenities** (e.g., secure bike racks) - add to encourage transportation choices
- **Safety and noise considerations** - particularly related to the proximity of some field spaces to busy streets
- **Sound-buffering** - limit impacts to adjacent residences
- **Pathways** - some preference to have unpaved trails for running / jogging / natural character; a desire for better connectivity between sidewalks and crosswalks
- **Parking** - mixed comments about increasing parking at the park versus focusing on encouraging sustainable transportation modes
- **Field lighting** - many participants feel field lighting is important; some concerns identified that lighting has impacts on wildlife. Options such as cut-offs and providing more access for users to turn lights on/off were discussed
- **Trees** - potential tree impacts should be considered when planning field upgrades / changes

Overall Summary

During discussions, the primary concerns identified were related to potential changes to existing fields, particularly how changes may impact current specific user groups. Many groups expressed a desire to maintain fields they currently use, in part related to a perceived lack of field space overall in the area (concerns about displacement). While there was some support for many new field ideas tabled, often a specific user group had concerns about potential impacts to their use. Finding a balance of different types of fields (multi-use, softball, etc.) was a priority. It may be anticipated that trade-offs related to fields will need to be considered in the plan as it is unlikely that all user groups' desires can be fully satisfied.

There was discussion about conflicts between people using playing fields and dogs coming onto the fields from the dog off-leash area. There were suggestions from field user groups to add boundaries around the off-leash area to reduce conflict.

The most contentious discussions centred around the conversion of the existing all-weather field to synthetic turf. There were strong opinions both in support and non-support of this potential change.

The ideas tabled for court spaces and play were generally supported by all participants. Feedback suggested that participants would value more natural types of play opportunities. Input also suggested that incorporation of areas and amenities that appeal to youth are important.

DEEP DIVE: FARMERS MARKET

Date: November 28, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: John Hendry Park
Community Centre

Number of Registrations: 33
Number of Actual Attendees: 25



Techniques

Participants then broke out into two small groups, in which they examined and provided feedback on 3 different location options for the farmers market. Each station had one facilitator, one note-taker, and one subject matter expert.

To compare three option locations, participants completed an exercise where they personally ranked from one to five stars how well each location presented supported key evaluation criteria. Each person's ranking was recorded by the facilitator and then participants had an opportunity to discuss why they ranked the location in that way. This information will be used to help focus towards a recommended location option that incorporates participant input, along with all input to date, overall park context, policy requirements, and technical considerations.

The evaluation criteria included:

Criteria	Key Question
Adjacencies	
Compatible adjacent park uses	How compatible do you feel this option is with other nearby park or neighbourhood uses (e.g., off-leash area, cycle route, field uses, community centre uses, play, etc.)?
Proximity to public washrooms	How do you feel this option supports washroom access (either existing or future)? This question assumed there would be washrooms at the Community Centre (existing), South Beach Building (upgraded), and North End (near the existing baseball fields).
Proximity to related amenities	How do you feel this option provides access to supporting park amenities such as places to sit, picnic, play, or relax?
Impacts to neighbours	How do you think this location does at minimizing potential impacts to neighbouring residences?
Access	
Parking	How do you feel this option supports parking?
Accessibility	How do you feel this option supports accessibility for all?
Public Transit access	How do you think this option will affect people's choices to use transit?
Cycling access	How do you think this option will affect people's choices to cycle?
Size & Feel	
Character	How do you think this location will "feel" for visitors to the market?
Potential for future expansion	Looking at the area around the option, can you envision ways the market could grow?
Market circulation & access for vendors	How do you feel this option can help efficient set-up with minimal disruption to other park uses or neighbouring residences?

Location Options Presented



Comparison of Average Rankings & Observations

The following table summaries how well each location option performed in each category: adjacencies, access, and size and feel. This comparison weights all evaluation criteria equally and is done to provide observations about where particular locations perform well and where they would need to be improved if that location is selected.

Location	Adjacencies		Access		Size/Feel	
	Combined Average	Rank	Combined Average	Rank	Combined Average	Rank
Location Option 1: North Parking Lot (Existing)	3.21	3	3.44	2	3.60	1
Location Option 2: South Parking Lot & Entry	3.62	1	2.78	3	2.51	2
Location Option 3: West of Community Centre	3.61	2	4.07	1	2.04	3

The table indicates that all three options have different strengths. Key comment themes and observations from participant discussions are noted on the following pages.

Location Option 1: North Parking Lot (existing)

Topic	Comments & Observations
Adjacencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ranked lowest overall for adjacencies</i> • With the cycle route, pedestrian path, and dog off-leash area, there are many activities going on in the area and at times there are conflicts • There are limited amenities in the area - no nearby washrooms or playground space and limited places to sit • Changes to amenities could affect adjacencies - for example, if the bike path is moved or if the fieldhouse is upgraded for public washrooms would affect ranking for adjacencies • Some feel that the quietness and open space of this area is an advantage
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ranked second for access</i> • Mixed opinions from participants on whether most visitors are local and walk, or if there are many that drive • Concerns that people driving to the market do not have sufficient parking and that people parking in the neighbourhood inconvenience residents • Concerns about a lack of accessible parking at this site (and overall at the park) • Feeling that transit access to this location is generally good • Options like shuttle service and improved bike storage could improve access
Size & Feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ranked highest overall for size and feel</i> • Many participants felt that there is a good amount of space for visitors to circulate and they enjoy the market experience and character today • Participants recognized there are limitations for potential future expansion • Some feeling this part of the park is not as busy as other areas (i.e., community centre area and south beach), so it works well for the market • Acknowledgment that it is easier to imagine the character and feel of this location over others since it is where the market is today

Overall, participants indicated they generally enjoy the current location of the market - it is relatively easy to access, it is operating well for set-up and take-down, and the long, linear layout is desirable. An added benefit is that the market is already functioning in this location with a lot of the challenges having been resolved. The primary concerns with this location is the distance of the market space from amenities, potential limitations to providing amenities at this site (e.g., electrical), lack of growth potential, and some incompatible adjacent uses.

Location Option 2: South Park Lot & Entry

Topic	Comments & Observations
Adjacencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked highest overall for adjacencies • Appreciation that this location is closer to a playground and washroom • Feeling that the further distance from roads could make the experience more “park-like” • Feeling that proximity to the South Beach washroom (to be upgraded) may provide better opportunities for adding power / water to support the market • Concerns that with the popularity of the park on Saturdays, there could be conflicts with visitors wanting to visit the beach or picnic shelter - no parking access during market times
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked lowest overall for access • Concerns about added parking load on E 19th Avenue, although recognition that impacts may be lower than in other areas • Feeling that transit access to this location is generally good • Concerns that access to parking would be reduced
Size & Feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranked second for size and feel • Concerns that the square layout of the parking lot would require a different booth layout, changing the long, linear arrangement of booths at the current market, which participants enjoy • Concerns about the single access point to the parking area affecting set-up, take down, circulation and truck access

Participants felt that this location could contribute to an integrated park experience, with good proximity to amenities like playgrounds, the beach, picnic areas, and the community centre. A primary challenge to overcome in this location would be managing circulation and parking, especially balancing visitors accessing other park destinations.

Location Option 3: West of Community Centre

Topic	Comments & Observations
Adjacencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranked second for adjacencies• Many feel the proximity to the community centre would be a significant asset, providing nearby access to washrooms and facilities• However, it would also increase activity at the centre and its parking lot, both of which are very busy on Saturdays
Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranked highest overall for access• Elevators in the community centre and paving provide accessibility for all• Mobi bike share station is nearby for alternative transportation options• Parking is readily available in the area; however, the community centre parking lot is already busy on weekends
Size and Feel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ranked lowest overall for size and feel• Concerns about the irregular shape affecting layout and access• Expansion would not be possible• Surfacing upgrades would be required to meet required standards (i.e., cannot have booths on soft surfaces)• May be an opportunity to better use a currently underutilized part of the park and limit impacts to other parts of the Park

Participants felt that this location has a lot of benefits related to its proximity to the community centre - washrooms, electricity and water access, seating, bike parking, transit access, elevators, etc. Key challenges that would need to be addressed would be the functional layout, circulation and access for vendors, and impacts along Victoria Drive, a busy street.

Added Location Option - All-Weather Field

The All-Weather Field was not an option offered at the deep dive session. It was identified in previous engagement but was not advanced due to conflicts with other activities (i.e., sports and events use) and parking conflicts. However, at the session it was requested to be revisited by one group. The following are the results from the one small group that discussed this option. Participants agreed that most of the criteria for the All-Weather Field Option would be met in a similar fashion to Location Option 3 (i.e., adjacencies and access would be similar). Therefore, participants voted on two key metrics: potential for future expansion and market circulation.

Criteria	Average
Potential for future expansion	4.38
Market circulation & access for vendors	4.5

Participants (including the market operations manager) spoke about this location's proximity to the community centre and therefore proximity to washrooms, water, parking, and power. Due to its large size, it was noted that this option would have greater capacity for expansion and a better layout, as well as good access for both vendors and patrons. However, it was also noted that the location may conflict with other directions being considered in the Master Plan.

Overall Summary

Feedback from the session indicated that there is no clear preferred option that meets all criteria. Each location option has strengths and challenges. Some challenges could be overcome through the addition of amenities or changes to adjacent uses; others, such as parking or expansion may be more difficult to manage.

There was some divergence of views about potential locations. While some participants enjoyed that some of the location options were in areas of the park that were further away from other activity and therefore close to greenery and open space, others stated that being far away from amenities such as washrooms, water, and power creates challenges. Participants discussed ideas about minimizing vehicle traffic in the local area on farmers market days by encouraging alternative, sustainable transport (e.g., through increasing the numbers of bike racks or considering shuttles). Participants also expressed their desire for the farmers market to maintain its current "feel," regardless of location, by ensuring that it is a welcoming space.

Additional discussions with Farmers Market representatives and the Community Centre Association are planned to continue discussions on the trade-offs between options.

DEEP DIVE: COMMUNITY GARDEN

Date: November 28, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: John Hendry Park
Community Centre

Number of Registrations: 33
Number of Actual Attendees: 25



Techniques

This deep dive session was held in tandem with sessions regarding the farmers market and fields, courts, and play areas. It began with a brief presentation explaining what themes had come through in the engagement so far, with a particular focus on the three topics. Participants then broke out into 2 small groups, in which they examined and provided feedback on a location and framework for a potential community garden in John Hendry Park. Each station had 1 facilitator, 1 notetaker, and 1 subject matter expert.

In the session, participants were presented with a recommended community garden location in John Hendry Park and an initial framework that outlined key considerations for the integration of a community garden within a public park space. Discussions were focused on benefits and concerns about the proposed community garden location and on the elements and amenities that should be considered if the space is created.

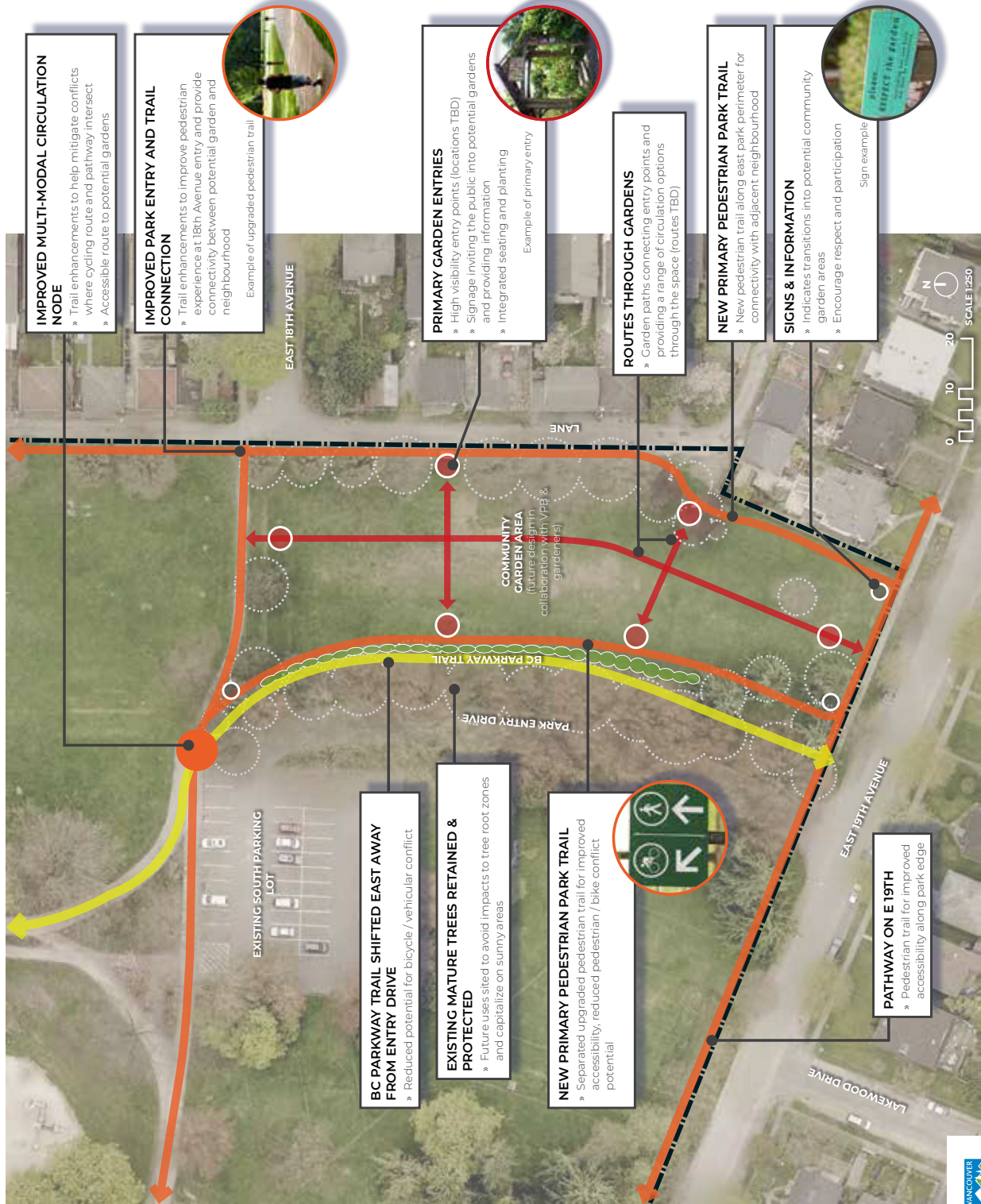
Discussion Questions

1. What do you most like about the idea of having a community garden in this location?
2. What concerns you most about the idea of having a community garden in this location?
3. If the garden moves forward, what elements or amenities could be included to create a community space that is open and welcome to all park users?

Framework Presented

The following framework was presented for discussion. To view a larger-scale version of the framework, visit vancouver.ca/johnhendry under the Deep Dive Sessions tab.

THIS FRAMEWORK IS AN INITIAL DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE DEEP DIVE SESSION ONLY. ALL DIRECTIONS WILL BE REVIEWED DURING FUTURE STEPS.



Participant Comments

Question	Comments & Observations
What participants <u>most like</u> about the idea of having a community garden in this location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If given the option of choosing anywhere in the park, most participants felt this would be their primary choice • Provides an attractive entry to the southeast corner of the park • Feeling that this part of the park is currently underutilized and a community garden may be a good fit • Close to the beach washrooms and water source
What participants <u>least like</u> about the idea of having a community garden in this location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few participants felt this location is quite busy (i.e., beach area, playground) and adding more activity could be a concern • Concerns about distance from the community centre • Some concerns about shade - need to be thoughtful about siting to ensure gardens have sufficient access to sunlight • A few participants felt that a community garden is not an appropriate use of public park

Other Ideas & Suggestions

In addition to specific comments on the location, participants provided other suggestions, including:

- Create a space that is accessible to all, without secure or exclusive fencing
- Accessibility is important - should be available to all ages and abilities
- Should be a place of welcoming, education, and community
- Need to make it socially and environmentally sustainable.
- Community gardeners want to be involved in design and development
- Mixed feedback on an “ownership” model - mixed ideas about individual plots or public plots. Some concerns that a fully public ownership model will impact maintenance

Desired Amenities

Amenity	Suggested Locations and/or Comments
Communal Picnic Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Central location• Welcoming to everyone• Large enough space for celebrations
Water Fountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drinking water for gardeners• Central water source for watering
Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational signage at key points• Inspiring and exciting for people
Benches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Along walking trails• Throughout the area, some in shade, some in sun• Group and individual seating opportunities
Apiary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bee-keeping opportunities
Sensory Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide interactive experiences - elements people can smell, touch, taste• Edible gardens - extending out from the community garden throughout the park

Overall Summary

While there are a few concerns about a community garden in John Hendry Park, most participants indicated the southeast corner would likely be a good fit for this use. People generally felt the area is underutilized and this activity would be compatible with nearby uses.

The design of the community garden is important to both the gardeners and other park users. There was a lot of agreement that the garden should be welcoming, inclusive, and educational - open and accessible to all visitors. There were a variety of ideas around the appropriate mix of communal and individual elements - this mix will need to be considered as design is advanced.

NEXT STEPS

During next steps, an overall park concept will be developed that further considers relationships between park uses. This concept will consider all input to date - Survey, Workshop, Deep Dive sessions, Youth Engagement and stakeholder meetings - and will be focused on recommending a balanced option, recognizing that it may not be possible to fully accommodate all specific user group wants. This concept will be shared for further review and discussion with participants in spring 2020.



